



Winona State University Nursing Guidelines for Use of Personal Protective Equipment Fall Semester 2020

Winona State University is carefully monitoring the evolving [COVID-19](#) pandemic and takes the responsibility of protecting the health and safety of students, faculty, staff, patients, and communities very seriously. The following recommendations for use of personal protective equipment (PPE) are intended to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and follow [Centers for Disease Control](#) guidelines and those of our clinical partners:

Each student must personally provide the following for each clinical day:

1. One clean cotton, multilayer face covering for the mouth and the nose at all times while walking to and from the health care facility and while in the healthcare facility, including in breakrooms or other spaces where the student might encounter co-workers. Wash the mask after each day's use. One will be provided for you. You will want to purchase enough to be able to launder them daily.
2. One medical-grade face covering that either ties securely at the crown of head (top tie) and base of neck (bottom tie) or that hooks appropriately around the ears. Use the mask throughout the clinical day, except when eating or drinking, and then discard.
3. One well-fitting pair of goggles that cover the front and sides of the eyes or a face shield that covers that front and sides of the face, including over any existing eyewear.
4. Hand sanitizer for personal use.
5. Disinfectant wipes for personal use.
6. One personal professional stethoscope, that has been disinfected with disinfectant wipes prior to entering the clinical setting and after being in the clinical setting before going home.

Gowns and gloves will be provided by the clinical site.

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